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Sarah METCALFE, et al. ) Art Unit: 2161  
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Application No. 10/014,789 )  
Examiner: Unassigned  
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Filed: December 14, 2001 )  
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For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR ENABLING )  
COLLABORATIVE PROCUREMENT OF )  
PRODUCTS IN A SUPPLY CHAIN )  
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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, which the Examiner may deem relevant to the patentability of the above-identified application. One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

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Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached PTO-1449. The references contained in this information disclosure statement was first cited in the attached International Search Report (U.S. Searching Authority) dated September 19, 2002 in Applicant's corresponding International Application No. PCT/US01/47833.

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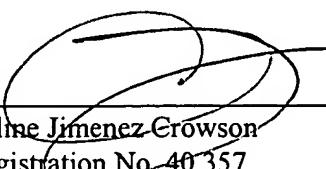
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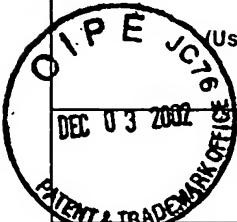
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## **U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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